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SUBJECT: NUMAIRI'S VISIT TO EGYPT

1. SUDAN'S PRESIDENT NUMAIRI ARRIVED IN CAIRO JUNE 28 FOR THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. HE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY PM MAMDUH SALIM AND SPENT FULL DAY JUNE 29 WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN BURG AL-ARAB NEAR ALEXANDRIA. PROGRAM BEGAN AT NOON WITH TWO-HOUR MEETING OF TWO PRESIDENTS AND THEIR DELEGATIONS: VP MUBARAK, PM SALIM AND DEP/ FONMIN FAHMY ON GOE SIDE AND SUDANESE AMBASSADOR AND NUMAIRI'S POLITICAL ADVISOR ON OTHER. MEETING FOLLOWED BY WORKING LUNCH AND THEN BY MARATHON PRESIDENTIAL TETE-A TETE THAT REPORTEDLY LASTED UNTIL 6 PM.

2. NUMARI RETURNED TO CAIRO SAME EVENING IN TIME TO SEE POPULAR LOCAL PLAY YAHYIA AL-WAFD. NUMAIRI HAS REPORTEDLY INVITED COMPANY TO STAGE PLAY IN KHARTOUM IN NOVEMBER. (COMMENT: PLAY IS CONSIDERED VERY FUNNY SATITICAL ATTACK ON FOIBLES OF SOVIET EXPERTS IN EGYPT. FOLLOWING FORMAL PROTEST BY SOVIET EMBASSY, MINCULTURE CLOSED PLAY IN EARLY MAY, BUT PLAY WAS REOPENED WITHIN TWO WEEKS AS RESULT PLAYWRITE'S UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEAL TO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.)

3. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED JUNE 30 THAT ME SITUATION AND BILATERAL RELATIONS DISCUSSED DURING JUNE 29 PRESIDENTIAL MEETINGS. TWO SIDES AGREED TO CONVENE JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE IN KHARTOUM JULY 9-10 IN PREPARATION FOR LATE JULY VISIT TO KHARTOUM OF PRESIDENT SADAT. DEP PM/MIN HIGHER EDUCATION HAFIZ GHANIM WILL REPRESENT GOE AT COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. NUMAIRI SPENT JUNE 30 AT SUDANESE EMBASSY IN MEETINGS WITH STAFF AND LOCAL COMMUNITY AND RETURNED TO KHARTOUM JULY 1. INTERVIEW WITH AKHBAR (PUBLISHED JULY 1), ASIDE FROM USUAL EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR GOE AND ARAB CAUSE, CONTAINED TWO INTERESTING PERSONAL NOTES. APPARENTLY AT OWN CHOICE, NUMAIRI AND PARTY STAYED AT SHEPHEARDS HOTEL (IT IS GOVERNMENT-OPERATED HOTEL RANKED BELOW DELUXE CLASS RATHER THAN ANY OF GOE GUEST PALACES AS IS CUSTOMARY FOR HEAD OF STATE. IN ADDITION, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING HIS JUNE 28 VISIT TO MAADI MILITARY HOSPITAL, NUMAIRI STATED HE WAS MERELY VISITING "SOME SUDANESE CITIZENS". LOCAL PRESS HAD REPORTED JUNE 29 THAT NUMAIRI WAS VISITING HIS BROTHER MUSTAFA.

5. COMMENT: NUMAIRI'S VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE FINALLY FOCUSED GOE ON UPCOMING JOINT MINISTERIAL MEETING. NUMAIRI NO DOUBT EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT SADAT HAS AGREED TO VISIT KHARTOUM AS EARLY AS LATE JULY, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF VISIT IS EVENTUALLY POSTPONED. MEXICAN PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE JULY 28 AND SUADI KING KHALID NOW DUE ALSO IN SECOND HALF OF JULY.
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